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Due to congressional interest, the General Accounting Office has begun a review of U.S. assistance and activities in Central America. Our objective is to provide information to the incoming administration and the congress on lessons learned in Central America in order to assist in the development of policy. For purposes of this review, our focus in on the following U.S. objectives in Central America:

- --Reduce Soviet/Cuban influence,
- --Achieve economic stability,
- -- Improve basic standards of living, and
- --Promote democracy.

As a major analyst and contributer to U.S. policy decision making, the General Accounting Office would like to meet with officials of the Central Intelligence Agency to discuss trends and current conditions in Central America as they relate to the four objectives.

Specifically with regards to the Soviet influence, the information obtained to date, from classified and unclassified sources, has been inconsistent. It is our understanding that the "National Intelligence Estimates," represents the intelligence community consensus on the magnitude and implications of the threat. As such, the General Accounting Office is requesting access to these reports for the following countries—Honduras, Guatemala, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama and Belize.

Your cooperation is appreciated. If you have any questions,

